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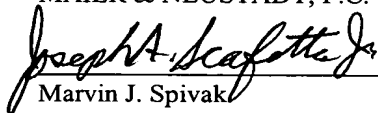
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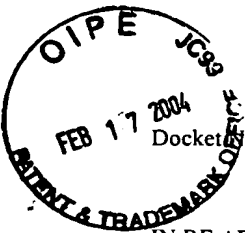
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 9-186866) on Form PTO 1449 is discussed in the specification.

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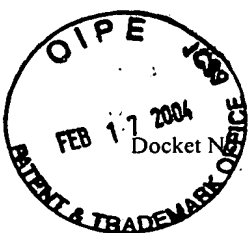
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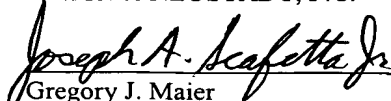
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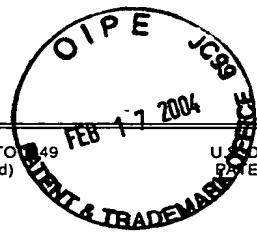
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